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SUBJECT	Camouflaged Harbor	· Basins with	DATE DISTR.	16 Novem ber 1955	
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2. T	n 12 June 1955 three s Stettin) harbor. The ailing route across fr he entrances to the ba hich green trees and k ndistinguished from th	basins' location rom the former ya asins were closed bushes had been to	was on the eastern that club harbor. I off or camouflaged placed so that the li	side of the by lighters on ighters were	
3. T	ndistinguished from the middle basin was the nd a mother ship for the state of the	ne biggest, and h	nere	70 landing craft	25 X 1
ď	he landing craft were rop-stem (?); small wi rmored; brownish gray few seamen were seen	heelhouse <u>astern</u> . in color	low with small win	dows, possibly (see sketch).	25X1
5. I	he moher ship was quit of six-cut blocks. The	te a bit longer a e mother ship was	and was equipped wit manned.	h heavy cargo gear	
6. I	in the southernmost base 0 - 15 m. long, were	sin a large numbe seen.	er of small landing	boats or barges,	25
7.	he third and northern	most basin conta	ined small naval ves about 2	sels	25
	Comments:				
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(landing craft in the m eight landing craft; h groups,	iddle basin lay : owever, two ship	in nine groups, each s were missing in or	consisting of	
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₽•	Harbor basins have not previously been observed in this area, but the establishment of such basins during the last few months has been observed in other Polish and East German harbors, for example, Swinoujscie (Swinemuende) and Warnemuende. The basins observed here fit in very well with present Soviet "small base" tactics. These tactics are probably based on the following cosiderations:				
	 Counter-measure against atomic attacks by scattering possible bombing targets. 				
	b. The consistent Soviet desire to avoid Western observations. Therefore, special measures must be taken in harbors which are visited often by Western merchant ships.				
	c. Transfer of the regular or commercial harbor areas to the local East German or Polish authorities.				
3.	A number of landing craft as large as here reported has not been observed previously in this area. The landing craft seem to be of an LCM type and they were all very well kept with regard to paint, etc. A few partly unconfirmed reports have from time to time mentioned the production of landing craft and barges at both Polisi and East German river shipyards. However, the extent and type of production is annuknown. In the early part of June 1955 four or five landing craft and a unknown. In the early part of June 1955 four or five landing craft and a mother ship were observed in Swinoujscie. After a few days these vessels mother ship were observed in swinoujscie that this mother ship or tender may be identical with the vessel seen in the middle basin which characterized as a mother ship for landing craft.				
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Approximate appearance of landing craft observed

Cross Section
Width 1-5 m.

Platform for ordnance

Theo-stem*

Estimated length about 30 m.

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